Thus I leave for the present
(words of peaceful augury!)
to tell of the board meeting.
We talked of dissolution of
the Union, all agreed
but Mr Long, & Mr
Southmayd. Mr Bullock,
(absent) would not, I think.
In order to bring the matter
to a practical point I read
a letter (I suppose it from our
board to yourself) which I
herewith enclose, & I suppose
the end of it will be,
that the conventions will
be held, each agent advocating
just what he thinks right,
no two drawing the line in the
same place, & the publick
address of the board, & its letter

heating ab for volunteers;
he so worded as to leave
it to each man to attack
his own pronunciato obstacle.

For myself, I think
the dissolution question the
thing. If I did not feel it
to be right, I should see it
to be expedient. I like the
interrogation system - the
scattering system;- both
these & the dissolution system
can go on together. As
non-resistance & Liberty party
might & Lib. party was, even as
honest in its object as the other
parties are in theirs. None
of the Committee appointed
to write an address to slaves
seemed to incline to undertake
it. That, I fear, will fall

thought. I wish you would do whatever you think needs to be done about this matter, otherwise it will go undone.

What a point of attack is that attempt of the Buffalo convention to take oath to the constitution & yet not sustain Slavery by it! A Man can't treat the constitution as he can the bible. He has a right to his own construction of the latter. When he approaches the former he lays down that right, for the Constitution is more a bargain than a Scripture. If the common constitution is the only one the man who plays this game in the light of a gabbling child, or a flagitious & immoral caviller of those very foundations of human nature — Mutual confidence & trust.

If you think Mr Jeddings would write for the Liberty Bell, will you be so obliging as to ask him in your own name as one of the "friends of freedom"? It would would be an awkward thing for me of whom he never heard probably, to ask a favour or confer one, which ever light I might put it in. (& I should think it stood in both lights.) But if you have no objection you could do it at once, for it is as much yours as mine, in any sense that concerns the contributors,

Mss. F. 42 M59

and for all that appears
on the title-page.

When I wrote for
Receipts to you, I had
not seen the acknowl-
edgment of the Bottles
in the Standard. If 5 &
Make them agree with
that, somehow.

I sympathize with you
My own friend in being
obliged to read my letters.
for I think that though
but the dash of the Ante
Slavery bucket yet a perpetual
dropping is very weary,
& I think I shall
mercifully stop. Don't forget
to write for the Bell Journal

MWA, A.42 p.159

and urge Mrs Child
& please to send back
to Standard Parrel
the draft of letter
to the ponds. Charles
Burleigh has written a
letter to Dr Johnson a
part of which is evidently
intended for publication
being an endorsement in
behalf of Penn. Abolitionists
of Thayer's defense of Garrison.
In the course of which
he says "I wish it could be
copied into the Standard."
It (Burleigh's letter will not
be published here till next week)
so that if you think it worth

While to republish the article
you can set the start of it,
For it as I suppose very disagreeable to
the leader of a movement to
be continually under suggestion.
I am provoked with Rogers
for spoiling his article by
putting into the same paper
containing the second part
of it a [Shocking] attack upon
O'Connell's [Superstitious] religious form & for-
malities, as a Catholic. I consider it
wrong & in bad taste — a piece of
bigotry — a blow to the celebrated
'platform' that we talk so much
of. I consider 'platformism' essen-
tial to the abolition of Slavery.
So I joined to rebuke him sharply
for this attack upon crossing one's
self. I will cross myself if I
like, & so shall O'Connell.

But it was not Rogers's
calling Clonmell a 'Calf'
that grieved me so much
as his making himself
appear like one. And very
much of an up-country
calf too. A Scholar & a Gentleman
too, as he is! I was surprised
at it. But I have just the
same regard for him & he dont
make a practice of doing it
often. But Yerrinton! the
terrible "Y" that waves its
curling tail over the Liberator
& who shall express our
anguish, till we bethought
ourselves that his editorials, his
toppings & tailings &c prone
to an ephigraph (as Sailors
say when they want to express
perfect exactitude) that all Lords

of people can work together in the A.S. Cause.

May excuse the haste in which I always write, surrounded by children getting them Lessons, Band meetings in full swing or 'laughing girls' in full gale. Young men singing & snapping their fingers at the universe, & a stream of people passing through all the while. And besides, I am not going to write again for six months.

Truly & affectionately yours

Mrs. Nathan.

169, b.

Ms. A. 4.2 #.59